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REPLENISHMENT

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH BLOCH-LAINE, ASSISTANT
TREASURY DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS AT FINANCE MINISTRY, ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25,
AND OUTLINED POINTS MADE PARAS. 1-11. BLOCH-LAINE'S
ABSENCES FROM PARIS MADE EARLIER MEETING IMPOSSIBLE.

2. BLOCH-LAINE NOTED THAT MINISTRY HAD EXAMINED QUESTION
RECENTLY, PRIOR TO DISCUSSION WITH VON HOFFMAN. POSITION
GIVEN HIM, AND ALSO GIVEN EMBOFF, HAD BEEN WORKED OUT
BY TREASURY DIRECTOR LAROSIERE AND MINISTER FOURCADE'

3. GOF POSITION TOWARDS IFC REPLENISHMENT IS CONDITIONED
BOTH BY PRESENT DEMANDS ON ITS RESOURCES AND LONGER-
STANDING VIEWS. GOF HAS MANY CLAIMANTS TO AID AT
PRESENT TIME - BLOCH-LAINE CITED FOR EXAMPLE URGINGS
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OF OTHER EC PARTNERS, PARTICULARLY U.K., THAT IT PROVIDE
MORE AID FOR NON-ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE,
INDIA. GOF MUST ALSO DECIDE ON HOW TO SPREAD ITS
RESOURCES WITHIN BANK GROUP - IN THIS CONTEXT, BLOCH-

LAINÉ NOTED THAT PRIORITY ESTABLISHED WAS: 1) IDA;
2) BANK ITSELF; 3) IFC. THIS PRIORITY REFLECTS BOTH
A "PHILOSOPHICAL" POSITION (WHICH HE ADMITTED HAD
LONG GONE UNEXAMINED) FRANKLY DIFFERENT FROM U.S. ON
RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE CAPITAL IN DEVELOPMENT
PROCESS, AND FACT THAT IFC HAS HAD LITTLE ACTIVITY IN
AREAS OF GREATEST INTEREST TO FRANCE, I.E. AFRICA. ON
LAST POINT, BLOCH-LAINÉ OBSERVED THAT THESE COUNTRIES
HAD SIMPLY NOT PROPOSED MANY PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR IFC
PARTICIPATION.

4. BLOCH-LAINÉ NOTED THAT GIVEN EXISTENCE OF SO MANY
CLAIMS ON AID RESOURCES IFC WAS RIGHT IN MAKING EARLY
PITCH. IT IS CLEARLY IN IFC INTEREST TO "GET IN FIRST"
BEFORE COMMITMENTS MADE ELSEWHERE. HE THEN NOTED
"PURELY PERSONAL" OPINION THAT IF SUFFICIENT MOMENTUM
BUILT UP AND OTHER COUNTRIES AGREED ON 400-500
MILLION INCREASE IN IFC CAPITAL BEFORE OTHER REPLENISHMENT
QUESTIONS CAME TO FORE, GOF MIGHT GO ALONG. IF IFC
QUESTION WERE DELAYED, THERE WOULD BE NO CHANCE AT ALL.

5. ON RELATIVE SHARES OF EC COUNTRIES WITHIN IFC, SIMI-
LAR POINT WAS MADE: GOF WAS INCLINED TO SEEK A REDUC-
TION REPEAT REDUCTION OF ITS SHARE, BUT, IF QUESTION
WERE RAISED QUICKLY BEFORE THIS POSITION JELLED, IT
MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO RETAIN CURRENT QUOTA.
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